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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

10.30 a.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1651st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). Part 1 of the revised draft outcome document has been issued and is available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m.[1] . . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17*, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31*, A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43*, A/C.1/63/L.44/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57* and A/C.1/63/L.58*); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27* (Supp. 27), A/63/42* (Supp. 42), A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3**, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.3*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.4, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.5*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.6, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.7, A/C.1/63/CRP.4/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/CRP.5]

[1] If necessary.

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/63/53, A/63/53/Add.1 and A/C.3/63/1/Add.1) [58]

General discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences (A/63/32, A/63/119, A/63/119/Corr.1, A/63/119/Add.1, A/63/509 and A/63/94) [121]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/63/32, A/63/119, A/63/119/Corr.1, A/63/119/Add.1, A/63/509 and A/63/94))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Item 119 (Programme planning (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14), A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese and English only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog.21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26), A/63/6 (Prog.27) and A/63/70)); and

Items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Investigations/Procurement Task Force and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1, A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2 and A/63/328 (Section III, Parts A, B and C))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. 22nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) [75]

Informal consultations

1.15–2.15 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 72 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

3–6 p.m. . . . . 240th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

1. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee
2. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Special political missions
2. Executive session

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
First session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference by the representative of the Secretary-General
2. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference
3. Adoption of the agenda (CRPD/CSP/2008/2)
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure for the Conference (CRPD/CSP/2008/3)
5. Any matter with regard to the implementation of the Convention
   (a) Interactive panel discussion: "The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a human rights instrument and a tool for achieving the Millennium Development Goals"
6. Establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
   (a) Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
   (b) Choice by lot by the President of the Conference of the six members of the Committee whose terms shall expire at the end of two years, as provided in article 34, paragraph 7 of the Convention
   (c) Confirmation of the date on which the members of the Committee are to assume office
7. Other matters

[*Note:* Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 41 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 27 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.]

[*Note:* The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (S-2914).]

[*Note:* The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Monday, 3 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.]

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the strategic framework for collaborative relationships and partnerships, *today*, 31 October 2008, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 31 October 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)

4–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable economic development and international cooperation (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution "New international humanitarian order" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Jordan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Friday, 31 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 4

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on the draft resolution on the rule of law)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Other activities

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Friday, 31 October 2008

Panel discussion on the African Union-International IDEA Joint Activity Plan in support of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pomerantz (tel. 1 (212) 286-1084; e-mail j.pomerantz@idea.int).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 31 October 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Ms. Karen AbuZayd, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 3 November 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 36th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/63/3 and A/63/255) [40]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [44]: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/83); joint debate

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [114 (a) to (u)]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/228)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/155 and A/63/156)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.7, A/63/L/9, A/63/L.10, A/63/L.11, A/63/L.12 and A/63/L.13)

3. Holocaust remembrance: Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/316) . . . . . [59]

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The General Assembly will consider agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) at its plenary meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED on Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to interested Member States.

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 21st meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced, to consider agenda item 30 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 3 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on foreign policy and global health (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden); and on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of India)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (under agenda item 114 (l)) (convened by the delegation of Namibia)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the Core Group of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50 (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Sweden)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

African Group (informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 43))

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Forum of the United Nations legal community (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Keiko Hasegawa, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1551; e-mail keiko-hasegawa@un-japan.org).]

Briefing on "Global mapping innovation for renewable energy resources" (organized by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the International Solar Energy Society (ISES))

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy, ISES (e-mail isesny@gmail.com).]

Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilihoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail ahouilihoua@un.org).]

Briefing on "The Geneva Declaration and its goals" (in the process of consultation with Member States on the draft resolution entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence") (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m.; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General Committee

3rd meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Congo (A/63/233)

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Congo made a statement, in the course of which he requested the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority" (A/63/233).

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the sixty-third session, under Heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the sixty-third session, under Heading I (Organization, administrative and other matters), and that it be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(c) Allocation of agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council)

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Guyana, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Guyana made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Jamaica, Nigeria, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Iraq, Argentina, Spain, Portugal, Namibia, Myanmar, the United States, the Netherlands, China, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands and Bolivia.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Liechtenstein and New Zealand, at their requests, to take their seats at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein and New Zealand.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to allocate agenda item 58 both to the plenary of the General Assembly and the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report. Taking into account this recommendation, the General Assembly in plenary meeting would consider the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities for the year. It was also understood that the current arrangement was in no way a reinterpretation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Main Committees

First Committee

20th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".

The Chairperson made a statement.

In explanation of vote after the vote (continuation of the 19th meeting), statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, the United States, Nigeria (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2), Belgium, Iraq (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining preambular paragraph 6 draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2), and the Niger (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2).

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.11 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.12* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 165 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.34 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.4 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France and Japan.

A statement was made by the representative of Jordan.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cuba.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.6 was adopted, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 151 with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Morocco, India and Benin.

The Secretary made a statement.

Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.57* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 164 with 2 abstentions. Operative paragraph 13 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.57* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 164 to 1 with 1 abstention. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.57*, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with no abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba and the United States.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.3 was adopted without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Turkey and the Netherlands.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.47 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.48 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Thailand (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.57*), Norway, Japan (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.57*) and Albania (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolutions A/C.1/63/L.4 and A/C.1/63/L.12*).

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.14 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 104 to 44, with 21 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.37 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 36 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Pakistan, Italy, India, Grenada (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.37), the United States and Barbados (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.14).

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.17* was adopted without a vote.

Statement was made by the representative of Mali (on behalf of African Group).

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.31* was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.41 was adopted without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola, France and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.8 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.9 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.10 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.46 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and India.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Nigeria.

Thursday, 30 October 2008

Security Council

6007th meeting

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The representative of Viet Nam made a statement.

The Council adopted its draft report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/2008/678.

6008th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Eighth semi-annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) (S/2008/654)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Terje Roed-Larsen, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004).

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Roed-Larsen.

6009th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/41).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

34th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Second report of the General Committee (A/63/250/Add.1) . . . . . [7]

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the second report of the General Committee contained in document A/63/250/Add.1.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the sixty-third session an additional item entitled "Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority", as item 155 under Heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled " Granting observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly", as item 156 under Heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate the item to the Sixth Committee.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to consider agenda item 58 entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council" in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report. Taking into account this recommendation, the General Assembly in plenary meeting would consider the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities for the year. It was also understood that the current arrangement was in no way a reinterpretation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [66]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/63/4)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/229)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.

Judge Rosalyn Higgins, President of the International Court of Justice, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the Philippines, Peru, India, Egypt, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Algeria, Romania, Nigeria, Kenya, Swaziland, Japan, Senegal, El Salvador, Singapore, Portugal and Cameroon.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed of the following activities, to be held on the days indicated below:

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development: Monday, 10 November, in the morning, in Conference Room 2;

Pledging Conference for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme: Monday, 10 November, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 2; and

Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2008 Programmes of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: Wednesday, 10 December, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The General Assembly was also informed that consideration of item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) would take place on Tuesday, 4 November, in the morning.

35th plenary meeting

The summary of the 35th plenary meeting of the General Assemby will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/214).

Main Committees

First Committee

21st meeting

The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/214).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

20th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) . . . . . [29]

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Israel, France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Norway, the United States, Oman, Kuwait, Senegal, Egypt, India, Japan, Bangladesh, Bahrain and Indonesia.

The Commissioner-General for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Third Committee

31st meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [56 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/763/L.15/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Senegal announced that China, Djibouti, Fiji, Georgia, Maldives, Malta, the Republic of Korea, Serbia, Sierra Leone and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and announced that Saint Lucia had withdrawn as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Albania, Algeria, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand and Timor Leste joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Saint Lucia and Albania, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chile.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Organization for Migration as well as the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Cuba and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Sixth Committee

20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session . . [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Hungary, Canada, Malaysia, Viet Nam and France.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/12	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Supplement No. 12 [A C E F R S]
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